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DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

REQUIREMENTS UNDER MEXICAN FRUIT FLY REGULATIONS MODIFIED--
STERILIZATION OF GRAPEFRUIT REQUIRED

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine by § 301.64-4 (e) of the regulations supplemental to the Mexican fruit fly quarantine (7 CFR 301.64-4 (e)) administrative instructions to appear as § 301.64-4f in Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, are hereby issued to read as follows:

§ 301.64-4f Administrative instructions requiring sterilization of grapefruit. It is hereby required that effective 12:01 a.m., April 8, 1953, and continuing throughout the 1952-53 harvesting season, all grapefruit, as a condition of issuance of permits for interstate movement from the regulated area of Texas, shall be sterilized in accordance with the methods authorized in B. E. P. Q. 575, revised effective February 1, 1949 (7 CFR 1951 Supp. 301.64-4a).

Imposition of sterilization requirements is dependent upon the presence and development of Mexican fruit flies, which conditions cannot be predicted within narrow time limits. Mexican fruit flies are now present in such numbers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley that it has become necessary to impose the foregoing requirements for the sterilization of grapefruit as soon as possible. For the reasons stated, it is found upon good cause, pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U. S. C. 1003), that notice and public procedure on these administrative instructions are unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest, and good cause is found for issuing these instructions effective less than thirty days after their publication in the Federal Register.

Done at Washington, D. C., this 1st day of April, 1953.

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